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Application of: PADALINO, Ronald et al.  
Serial No. : 09/387,381  
Filed : September 2, 1999  
For : **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED  
DEBITING AND SETTLING OF FINANCIAL  
TRANSACTIONS**  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

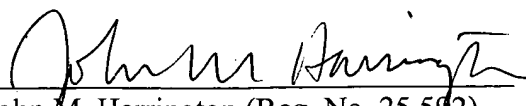
Applicants respectfully request a four-month extension of time in which to file an Appeal Brief in the above-identified patent application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 3, 2003. This extension of time will extend the period to file a response up to and including October 3, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,480.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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